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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of the International Search Report and of the documents cited therein, with respect to the International (PCT) Patent Application corresponding to the above-identified application. Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed cited documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, and within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Clearly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

The documents listed on the enclosed Form are not in English. However,

it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed International Search Report, in English, together with abstracts of each of the listed documents.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 566.41199X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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